Govt. of India in August, 2007. The 'Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd. (DMICDC)' was incorporated on January 7, 2008. A project Management Consultant has been appointed. The work of selection of consultants for preparation of Detailed Master Plans for the Industrial Regions in the six states has been initiated.

(b) It was estimated at the time of preparation of the Draft Concept Paper that the development of the envisaged industrial nodes with all infrastructure would involve a public and private investment of about US $90 billion.

(c) The Master Plan Reports are envisaged to be completed by March 2009 which would *inter-alia* include specific implementable projects identified for development alongwith time frames.

(d) A concept paper on DMIC Project has been prepared.

(e) A MoU was signed in December 2006 between the Governments of India and Japan to develop the project concept and an India Japan Joint Task Force was set up. The Task Force has met four times.

(f) Six States are covered under the project—Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Allotment of agricultural land for SEZs

117. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how much agricultural land has so far been allotted/utilized for acquired by State Governments for setting up SEZs, for projects approved by Central Government, indicating approximate loss of agriculture production and displacement of farmers;

(b) whether Government is in a position to state what will be the loss by way of taxes, duties, etc. to Central Government/State Governments on account of exemption given to SEZs during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government will also ensure that legitimate rights of people are not neglected anywhere in the country while undertaking tasks of building industrial and manufacturing strengths, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) A proposal are granted to only those proposals which are duly recommended by the concerned State Governments. All State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for Special Economic Zones, first priority should be for acquisition of waste and barren land, then single crop land and if perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZ, State Governments have also been informed that Board of Approval (BoA) will not consider any proposal of setting up of SEZ if the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition after 5th April, 2007. Since the coming into force of the Special Economic Zone Act, 2005 and Special Economic Zone Rules, 2006 formal approvals have been granted for setting up of 430 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) over an area of 60168 hectares. Out of these, 97 approvals are for SEZs to be set up

by State Government agencies/Industrial Development Corporations over an area of about 20,000 hectares. The Ministry of Rural Development has also come out with a revised National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007, which has been notified on 31st October, 2007. As per the revenue foregone statement submitted by the Ministry of Finance along with the Finance Bill, 2007, the revenue foregone under all export promotion schemes, including SEZs, on account of direct tax concessions were Rs. 8658 crore and Rs. 37590 crore on account of indirect tax concessions for the year 2005-06. Further, an estimate of Rs. 12524 crore and Rs. 53768 crore has also been indicated as revenue foregone on account of direct and indirect tax concessions respectively, for the year 2006-07.

SEZs approved

118. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has offered help for setting up an SEZ in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether with a view to improve bilateral economic ties, Russia also proposes to set-up JVs for production of titanium dioxide and other titanium products in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) So far, following three (03) SEZs have been notified in Orissa:

Sl. No.	Name of Developer	Place/Location	Sector	Area (in hectares)
1.	Orissa Industrial Development Corporation	District Khurda, Orissa	IT/ITES	69 15
2.	Jindal Stainless Ltd.	Kalinganagar, Orissa	Stainless Steel and ancillary/downstream industry	142 115
3.	DLF Ltd.	District Khurda, Orissa	IT/ITES	10 239

The SEZs are primarily being set up by State Government Undertaking, their Joint Ventures with private companies or by the Private Companies on stand alone basis.

(c) and (d) An agreement has been singed between the Russian Public joint stock holding company Technochim Holding and the Indian companies M/s. Saraf Agencies Private Ltd. And M/s. Titanium Mineral Products Ltd. to set up a Joint Venture (JV) in Orissa, to produce titanium oxide and other titanium products.